

--- 50 “Large” Cigarettes - “Series of 1897” - 130 x 15mm. - scanned at 100% scale ---

--- the provisional - overprinted in two lines of 2 mm. red Gothic on C-284 [**OVER 3 POUNDS / PER 1000**] ---

The **Budget of 1897** increased the excise duty to \$ 3.00 per thousand for *foreign leaf* cigarettes weighing *less than* three pounds per thousand, and to \$ 8.00 per thousand for cigarettes weighing *over* three pounds per thousand.



★ RC-198 SP - 50 large cigarettes, perf 12, rolled **TOBACCO / A-20**, with full gum,
stamped **OVER 3 POUNDS / PER 1000**



★ RC-198 CRP - 50 large cigarettes, perf 12, stamped **CANCELLED** and **Registered**,
and **OVER 3 POUNDS / PER 1000**

The collection *does not contain* a copy of RC-198 stamped **OVER 3 POUNDS / PER 1000** without the purple over-stamping . **WANTED!**

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--- the definitive - inscribed in two lines of 2 mm. Gothic on C-284 [OVER 3 POUNDS / PER 1000] ---



★ RC-207 - 50 large cigarettes, *coarse roulette*, coded **6-10D / BJD** by “Imperial Tobacco”, Montreal in November 1939



★ RC-207 SP - 50 large cigarettes, *coarse roulette*, stamped *Sample* in script



★ RC-207 DP - 50 large cigarettes, the black die proof [F-162] on thin cardboard

The collection *does not contain* a copy of RC-206† - the *perforated* “Series of 1897” definitive strip - **WANTED!**



★ RC-206 SP - 50 large cigarettes, perf 12, with full gum, stamped **SPECIMEN** in 5 mm. rose Gothic

--- C-306 - 50 “Large” Cigarettes - Plate No. 1 ---

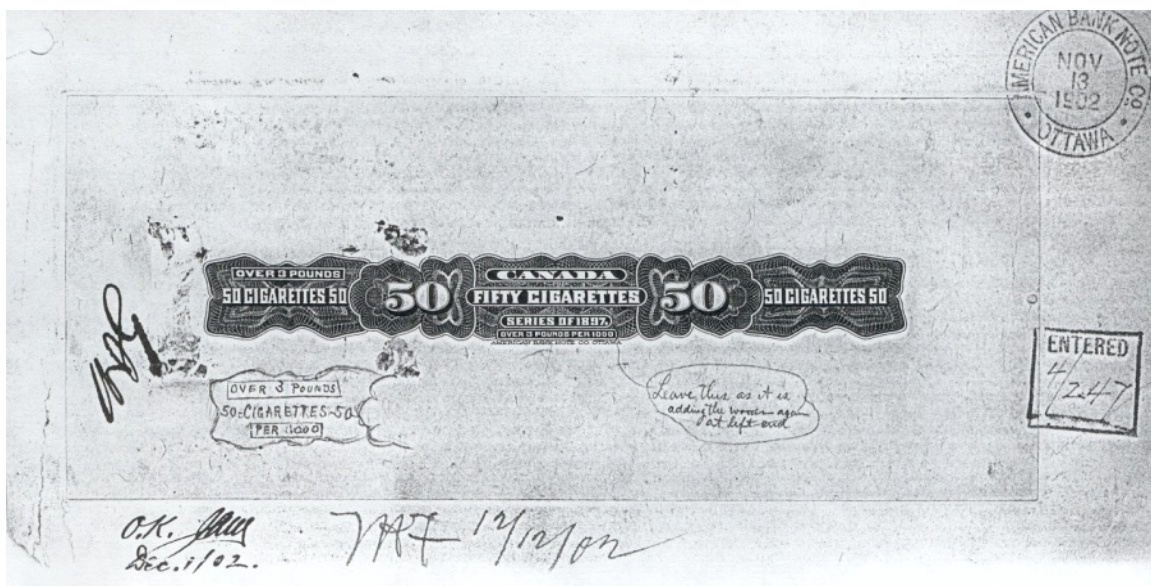
[this information is derived from the research of Chris Ryan]

In a memorandum to *D. Sims, Esq.* (Deputy Minister of National Revenue, Customs and Excise) dated June 8th 1944, *L. A. White* and *C.R. Coombs* record the destruction of plate No. 1, for the fifty cigarette, “Series of 1897”, small strip - the Lee Brandom **C-306**. This 20 impression plate was probably arranged as (2 x 10 stamps).

Since the plate was not destroyed until June 1944, it is possible that the above illustrated copy of **RC-207**, used by “Imperial Tobacco”, Montreal, in November 1939, was from a freshly printed 1939 batch using the 1897 plates.

--- C-306 DP - 50 Large Cigarettes - 132 x 15 mm. - an initial paste-up proof ---

The following initial design for the die proof of **RC-206** (*pasted-up* from the regular fifty cigarette stamp) and the completed approved die proof are scanned *from photocopies provided by Fritz Angst* at BNAPEX 1999 in Vernon, B.C.



the design for **RC-206**, with final the approval for ABN by Ottawa on November 13th, 1902 - scanned at 75% scale



RC-206 DP - 50 large cigarettes, the final die proof approved for Ottawa by *W.J. Gerald* on January 17th, 1903
[scanned at 75% scale]

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